

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: June 21, 2006/Marathon

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Department: DISTRICT FIVE

Staff Contact Person: DonnaHanson

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Discussion and direction to staff regarding the creation of an inventory and analysis of hurricane shelters in Monroe County. Staff recommendations on funding and the needs would also be part of the staff product.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

The School Board is presently rebuilding Key Largo Elementary. There is an opportunity to partner with the school board and share the cost of providing a shelter for emergency workers and essential personnel during and after a hurricane event. There appears to be a need to provide shelter to protect essential personnel that are protecting our communities.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty ☐ OMB/Purchasing ☐ Risk Management ☐

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



COMMISSIONER GLENN PATTON

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☒

Not Required ☐

DISPOSITION: _____

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3.11 Evacuation (continued)

3.11.5 Municipalities

Municipality's Government shall consult with Monroe County Emergency Management prior to issuing an out-of-county evacuation orders for their jurisdiction. Emergency Management will advise the Hosting county/counties Emergency Management Department/s of evacuating population.

Municipalities must comply with the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Evacuation actions taken by a municipality will effect the County, and therefore it is imperative that City Government confers with the County's Emergency Management on every aspect of the evacuation issue.

In the event there is not a declared disaster, municipality will not receive State assistance, unless those requests are made through the County's Emergency Management.

During a declared disaster, the State may take it upon them to assist a city, if asked, because the county may be overwhelmed with other issues.

3.12 Sheltering

3.12.1 Shelter operations are conducted to protect the lives and health of the residents and visitors of Monroe County. Upon notification by the Incident Manager at the EOC, The Salvation Army will activate the designated Monroe County shelters. These shelters will be available to the general public for tropical storms and Category 1 and 2 hurricanes. Basic medical care will be provided by the Monroe County Emergency Medical Services to meet the basic needs of those individuals that exceed the level of care provided by The Salvation Army.

3.12.2 Monroe County Shelters are as follows:

HARVEY GOVERNMENT CENTER: 1200 Truman Avenue, Key West
Zone 1 – Capacity of 210

GLYNN ARCHER ELEM. SCHOOL: 1302 White Street, Key West
Zone 1 – Capacity of 950

SUGARLOAF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Crane Blvd., MM19
Zone 2 – Capacity of 550

3.12 Sheltering (continued)

STANLEY SWITLIK ELEM. SCHOOL: US1 Gulfside, MM48.5
Zone 3 – Capacity of 700

ISLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: US1 Gulfside, Islamorada, MM 83.5
Zone 4 – Capacity of 400

PLANTATION KEY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL: US1 Gulfside, Plantation Key, MM90
Zone 4 – Capacity of 600

CORAL SHORES HIGH SCHOOL: US1 Oceanside, Plantation Key,
MM90
Zone 4 – Capacity of 600

KEY LARGO ELEM. SCHOOL: US1 Oceanside, Key Largo, MM105
Zone 4 – Capacity of 600

ST. JUSTIN CATH. CHURCH: US1 Gulfside, Key Largo, MM105.5
Zone 4 – Capacity of 300

Monroe County residents seeking public shelter in Dade County should take the Florida turnpike Extension from Florida City to FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) at the US 41/SW 8th Street Exit (MM25X). This is the officially designated location to provide shelter for Monroe County residents, with the capacity of sheltering approximately 1000 individuals. Evacuees are instructed not to report to other Dade County shelters unless they know ahead of time that they are open.

- 3.12.3 Special Needs Shelters are provided for disabled and handicapped residents who would require such services during a major emergency. Staff, supplies and equipment are planned for a period of 96 hours (4 days) minimum. The Monroe County Department of Health provides limited mental health crisis counseling.
- 3.12.4 One of the criteria for hurricane evacuation shelter selection used by the American Red Cross states that all hurricane evacuation shelters will be outside inundation zones.

(For additional information regarding acceptable ARC shelter analysis, refer to American Red Cross letter of 5/8/97, referencing shelter studies conducted in Monroe County.)

3.12 Sheltering (continued)

- 3.12.5 The American Red Cross identified 3 potentially acceptable hurricane evacuation sites, out of 13, as being above SLOSH IV storm inundation:

Key Largo Elementary School – MM 105.0

This facility's gymnasium will be considered for post-storm use if structurally sound after a hurricane event.

Coral Shores High School – MM 90.0

This facility will be considered for post-storm use if structurally sound after a hurricane event.

Monroe County Court House – 500 Whitehead St., Key West

This facility is surrounded by Category IV surge inundation, and is prone to severe isolation during such events.

3.12.6 Out-of-County Sheltering

Miami-Dade County will serve, at pre-designated locations, as a host county for Monroe County evacuees. At this time, FIU's South Campus is Monroe County's Designated Out-Of-County Shelter. Various other counties would make additional shelters available, should Monroe County Emergency Management make such request.

3.13 Refuges of Last Resort

A Refuge is not a substitute for evacuation, nor is there any assurance that the structure will withstand the ravages of a storm. Citizens seeking refuge do so at their own risk. Shelter rules will apply to all Refuges. Specifically, pets are excluded from a Refuge, as are non-prescription drugs, weapons and alcoholic beverages.

Due to limited space (9 sq.ft. per person), personal belongings brought into the Refuge must be prioritized and minimal (refer to Monroe County Hurricane Preparedness, Evacuation, Shelter and Refuge of Last Resort Plan). These facilities have been identified as the best structures in the area, which are least susceptible to storm surge and winds effects from major hurricanes.

3.14 Mass Care

- 3.14.1 The Salvation Army and The American Red Cross are the primary agencies responsible for providing general mass care (sheltering, first aid, feeding areas) as part of a wide disaster relief program enacted by the U.S. Congress and through the individual agreements with and between The Salvation Army and The American Red Cross and Monroe County.